



**BEFORE THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>BELT WELDING APPARATUS AND METHOD</b>
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Claims 1-11, as originally presented, remain in the application.

Please add new claims 12-50, which find support in the specification as originally filed.

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01 FC:2201	900.00 OP
02 FC:2202	750.00 OP